

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The education committee met on Friday, August 28, 2015 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Present were Commr. Rodriguez (Past chair); Commr. Govine; Commr. Cohen; Commr. Garcia (chair) and excused was Commr. Petrosian

We used the report provided by Commissioner Rodriguez at the Annual Retreat as our starting point. We reviewed the mission and vision and agreed there were no edits needed. We moved on to the Recommendations

1. 2016 Scholarship Application

AMG will update and edit and circulate to all committee members. Intent is to tighten up the application; clarify consequences of not following instructions, directions etc. Committee members will review changes, suggest any changes that they believe would strengthen the application. Eventually, we would like to explore the idea of having an on-line application (Commr. Cohen to begin to inquire what that would look like or take) The Committee believes that we should have the 2016 Scholarship Application up on the website by February/March - 2016 and we set that as our goal. UPDATE: Draft should be circulated to the Committee by Friday, September 18, 2015 then to the full commission for review and comments

2. Scholarships Awarded & Amounts

There was a discussion about the amount of scholarships we are giving. We considered perhaps giving more money to less recipients and what that would look like. We considered the amount of \$1,500 per awardee instead of \$1,000. This would cut down the number of scholarships but it would really help the awardees with more expenses. We also talked about Foster children and camp detainees - thinking about how we could focus on them. We discussed possibly seeing if there were any supervisors who may want to donate some dollars earmarked for one of these categories of applicants (ie this year we will do foster youth but maybe do some investigation on how we can get the camps involved in the process) We would welcome some thoughts and guidance from the full Commission. Our proposal would be to increase the amount of the scholarship even if we award less number of recipients.

3. NAME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

There was a discussion on the proposed name of Janet Mummy Scholarship. The comments were 1) Our name should be attached to the Scholarship.... The Los Angeles County Commission for Women..... Scholarship. This was recommended to raise our visibility in the County even if we start with our partners. Perhaps the name will prompt people to go to our website and look for the scholarship on our website since now our name will be connected to it.

We also thought that on the Scholarship Application & possibly our website - we could put something about Commr. Mummy and the history of this award however the name says nothing about the RECIPIENTS. Therefore the committee is recommending that the Commission adopt the name: "The Los Angeles County Commission for Women RESILIENCE Scholarship".

4. PROCEDURE TO CONNECT THE GIRLS WITH A MENTOR ON THE LACCW

Commr. Govine will present this part of this report. We propose that at the Scholarship Event, Commissioners from Each District meet the recipients especially the one from their supervisory district. At this point the initial contact/introduction will be made and Staff will send the contact information to the 3 commissioners from each district. We propose that the Commissioners (at least 1 from each district per award recipient) make contact and touch base with the award recipient once a quarter.

5. TRACKING OF PAST AWARDEES

Commr. Rodriguez & Govine will work with Staff (Roy/Jenny or Bolaji) to develop a tool to capture the scholarship recipients for for the last 5 years. We will try to update the information and see what outcomes have occurred. This tool will be used prospectively to keep track of our awardees and see how they are doing in order to report out to the Board of Supervisors some outcomes.

6. PARTNERS....

We will be gathering with our current partners and do some outreach to make sure that these groups have not changed any priorities on their programming and will reach out to other possible partners in our districts (ie YOUTH BUILDS, etc) and will report back to the education Committee. We will propose an in person breakfast gathering with our partners in November, 2015 to engage them and talk about the challenges they see and also go into our application process and try to explain the parameters.

We are requesting funding for this breakfast meeting up to \$150.00 for breakfast items (continental breakfast) coffee, juice, tea. We will also request space to hold this meeting. We estimate anywhere from 10-25 people.